Oblon Docket: 249607US2SDIV

New DIV Application

Inv: Hideo ANDO, et al. Preliminary Amendment

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 5-8 are pending; Claims 1-4 have

been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; Claims 5-8 are newly added; and no claims

have been amended herewith. The specification has been amended to include a cross

reference to related applications. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by

this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is

respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and

favorable action is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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